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A HARASSING PROBLEM.

The Great Providers Confront a Difficulty.

WONDERFULLY RAPID GROWTH

If Their Business Goes on Increasing at the Present Rate They Will Soon Have to Appoint a Ways and Means Committee to Consider How to Provide More Room.

It was with considerable difficulty that the man of the pen made his way to Mr. Pettit yesterday, so many people were in the great double store and annex, 415-417 Seventh street.

"Your business is getting too big for your premises," he remarked. The busy merchant wheeled round sharply. "My boy, you never spoke a truer word in your life—and it is a subject that is worthy of consideration."

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"It's not only that we haven't room to show the goods properly—that doesn't matter, because our customers have learned that they don't need to examine our goods critically before buying, and the great provider resumed his work, while the scribe wandered away musing that every fresh success brings fresh exigencies."

"Something will have to be done about it before long, and really we hardly get time to think nowadays."

"You would hardly believe me if I told you how many goods we have shipped out this week already—but I am wasting valuable time, and I need every minute," and the great provider resumed his work, while the scribe wandered away musing that every fresh success brings fresh exigencies.

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DIED WITHOUT A REGRET

Would-Be Wife Murderer Expired Last Night.

Gummell Tells the Doctors That He Tried to Kill His Wife Because She Was Unfaithful.

Charles Gummell, who attempted to brain his wife with a meat ax early yesterday morning and then cut his own throat, died at the Emergency Hospital about 7 o'clock last night. Mrs. Gummell's chances of recovery are improving. Gummell's death was due to loss of blood. The doctors found that in addition to the gash in his throat, which had severed his windpipe, Gummell had inflicted four ugly cuts on his left wrist. From these he had lost a large quantity of blood.

Yesterday afternoon Gummell revived sufficiently to talk a little. He admitted to Dr. Blair that he had intended to kill his wife, and gave as his cause for so doing that she was unfaithful to him, and that he had repeatedly tried to have her conduct herself properly, but without success. He expressed no regret for his deed, and neither inquired as to his wife's condition nor asked after his little children.

The neighbors about the Gummell home, at Seventh and K streets southwest, described Gummell's statements in regard to his wife.

The family of six children, one of whom is in Baltimore, is now in a most pitiful condition, and their only means of support is from the little store which they occupy. The oldest girl, Lucy, though not yet sixteen years old, is unable to care for the store, and look after the care of three small children, the youngest being but a baby of three years. They have no relatives in Washington, and as they have lived here less than a year have but few friends.

Mrs. Gummell has a terrific wound on her head, which crushed the skull and laid bare the brain for four inches, and severed several arteries of the brain. A trephining was performed upon her yesterday morning. She cries continually for her father, but is too low to be taken to see him.

Coroner Carr was notified last night of Gummell's death and will investigate the case today.

Foreclosure on a Railroad.

Baltimore, Sept. 15.—The Union Trust Company, New York, applied in the United States court today for the foreclosure of the mortgage of the Pittsburgh and Connellsville Railroad. The petition is based upon the allegation that the Baltimore and Ohio, which controls the Pittsburgh and Connellsville Railroad, has failed to pay the interest due on the mortgage August 1.

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THROW A SOP TO CERBERUS

Democratic Organization Dallying With Goldbugs.

IGNORE THE NATIONAL ISSUE

Silver Men Will Not Bolt, but State That Next Year They Will Control the State Convention and Elect a State Committee That Will Represent the Party.

New York, Sept. 15.—The New York State Democratic committee met today and took action extremely distasteful to the free silver men of the State. The program as arranged by United States Senator Ed. Murphy, ex-Senator Hill, Leader Sheehan, and others high in the councils of the State organization was carried out to the letter. The committee ignored the Chicago platform, though the silver men have been urging them for weeks to take positive action in favor of that declaration, turned down the candidature of the silverites for judge of the court of appeals, Charles F. Tabor, of Buffalo, and nominated Judge A. B. Parker for that office, who is said to be a gold man. On top of this the committee, by a vote of 46 to 4, expelled from the committee Henry B. Purroy, of the Twenty-first New York district, for "disloyalty and treachery." Purroy was one of the foremost Bryan leaders in New York last fall. The ground of his expulsion was that he had publicly declared his determination of doing his utmost to defeat the nomination of the Democratic party in Greater New York, and in pursuance of such determination, has attended conferences called under Republican authority exclusively, having for their object the defeat of the Democratic candidates.

Chairman Banforth presided. Mr. Purroy made a bitter speech denouncing Leader Sheehan, to whom he gave most of the credit for dismissing him, and concluded as follows:

"From now until the close of the poll I shall continue to do all in my power toward averting the awful disgrace of extending Sheehanism to the new government of Greater New York, and believe me, it is very gratifying to me to recognize in the public expulsion of today the best proof that my humble efforts in this regard have already made themselves felt."

There was a nearly full representation of the committee, forty-five of the fifty members answering to the roll-call. Three candidates for judge of the court of appeals, in addition to Parker, were on the committee. They were Tabor, of Buffalo; Patterson, of Troy; and Gaby Herick, of Albany. Parker got 27 votes; Tabor, 18; Patterson, 8; and Herick, 3. Parker's nomination was made unanimous.

Congressman Sater made an ineffectual fight to save Purroy and secure some expression by the committee toward the Chicago platform. He had only four followers and the committee ignored him. He threatened to give the expulsion of all members who did not vote for Bryan last year, but did not carry it out.

Notwithstanding the pounding they received all along the line the middle-of-the-roaders, as the silver men are termed, announced that they will not bolt, though there was a very ugly feeling among them after the meeting.

Norman E. Mack, one of the members of the committee from Buffalo, appeared to be the leader of the middle-of-the-roaders who were there to insist on an endorsement of the Chicago platform. Mr. Mack was in consultation with the leaders of the Loyal Democratic League, one of the silver organizations, during the morning.

Hovea H. Rockwell, of Elmira, who presided at the league meeting last night, said: "The name of our organization implies that we are the loyal Democrats of the State. We are not bolters. We are consistent and demand that the party organization stand by the party platform. We shall not nominate a candidate of our own, we shall not elect a State committee, we shall not elect a State convention and elect a State committee that will be true to the policy of the party. That is our plan and policy as I understand it."

James Oliver, from the Progressive Democratic League, presented the resolutions of the organization demanding the endorsement of the Chicago platform. Then he made a speech, in which he said that his organization would abide by the decision of the State committee, which means that they will support the State and Tammany tickets, platform or no platform. Representatives from the allied Free Silver League and the Loyal Democratic League were read and listened to patiently in their demand for a recognition of the platform. The work of the committee in turning them down and taking the action stated above followed, after which the committee adjourned.

One of the most important incidents connected with the meeting of the State committee was the announcement that Senator Jones, of Arkansas, chairman of the Democratic national committee, had written a letter to Senator Edward Murphy, stating that in his judgment it would not be expedient that the committee should take any action whatever in regard to the Chicago platform, because the committee was called together at this time for the purpose of placing in nomination a candidate for the position of chief justice of the court of appeals, and not to announce nor endorse the party platform.

Senator Murphy regards the action of the committee as a great victory for conservative Democracy. He says that the free silverites displayed no desire to make trouble, and that he believes all Democrats will get together from now on and work in harmony for the election of the man who would be nominated by their party for mayor of Greater New York.

While the committee was in session, Senator Murphy was visited by ex-Senator Fugh of Alabama, one of the leading free silverites in the South. Ex-Senator Fugh expressed himself as entirely in accord with Senators Jones and Murphy, and that the Chicago platform should not be endorsed.

Saved From Foreclosure Sale.

Providence, R. I., Sept. 15.—Mrs. Kate Chase Sprague, who went to Ohio a month ago to prevent her father's friends and heirs a plan by which the Salmon P. Chase homestead, near Washington, might be saved from foreclosure sale, writes that she has succeeded in refunding the debt upon the place.

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18. For these things I weep; mine eye, mine eye runneth down with water, because the comforter that should relieve my soul is far from me; my children are desolate, because the enemy prevailed.

19. I called for my lovers, but they deceived me; my priests and mine elders gave up the ghost in the city, while they sought their need to relieve their souls.

—LAMENTATIONS OF JEREMIAH.

PLATT PLEADS HIS CAUSE

Urges the President to Persuade Bliss to Accept.

HE CAN BE ELECTED MAYOR

The "Easy Boss" Asserts That if He Becomes Mayor of New York He Will Be a Candidate for President Three Years Hence—McCook for the Cabinet.

The positive statement was given The Times last evening by an intimate friend of Senator Platt that that distinguished Republican and the President were in full accord as to what ought to be done in New York city. The conference between the President, Mr. Platt and Secretary Bliss yesterday was of far-reaching importance to the Republican party, and may yet lead to harmony and united action in New York.

Despite the stories to the contrary, it can be positively stated that yesterday in the President's Cabinet room, Mr. Platt urged Mr. Bliss to accept the nomination on the regular Republican ticket for mayor of Greater New York, assuring him the loyal support of the regular organization and promising his election on that ticket. Mr. Bliss declined the plea that his health would not permit him to make the fight, and that if elected, his health was such that he could not stand the strain of the duties that would devolve upon him. The statement is given on the authority of a man whose relations with the president at this conference are such that they must be accepted. The hope of securing the consent of Mr. Bliss to this arrangement has not been abandoned.

The ardent courier of Senator Platt in this matter was John J. McCook, of New York, who came to Washington the day the President returned, and who saw the President Monday night after dinner. Mr. McCook unfolded the plan of Platt, and presented it in such light that the President was compelled to give it careful consideration.

Yesterday Mr. Platt and his lieutenants appeared on the scene and occupied the attention of the President for more than an hour, while a lobby full of politicians and aspiring applicants for office cooled their heels on the outside, awaiting the pleasure of a President who was vastly more interested in the scheme Senator Platt was unfolding than in any petty office that might be ready for donation.

Mr. Platt, Congressman Odell, and Mr. Bradley were with the President for twenty minutes, when Mr. Bliss arrived and was at once shown into the Cabinet room. Assistant Secretary Day and one or two other leading officials were also present. Mr. Platt talked long and earnestly with the President and Mr. Bliss, and showed, from his point of view, that the Officers' Union movement did not have any standing among the Republicans of New York.

He endeavored to prove the strength of the regular organization by showing that it had, by an overwhelming vote, removed Isaac Worth, who had started the movement that resulted in the nomination of Seth Low. It was also intimated to the President that if Seth Low could win in New York on his self-made ticket, it would make him the logical candidate for the Republican nomination in 1900, a situation that probably does not appeal strongly to the President, if he is ambitious.

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for a second term, and what President has been there who was not ambitious for a second term?

Mr. Platt is confident that with Mr. Bliss the Republican ticket can carry the first election of the consolidated city. He believes that Mr. Bliss will yet see that it is the pathway of duty along which he must go, and that he will either accept the candidacy or come out in a declaration so strong that no one can misjudge what the wishes of the Administration are on this question. It is stated that the President looks with favor upon the scheme now foisted by Mr. Platt and that it would please him to have the Secretary accept the nomination yesterday proffered by Mr. Bliss.

If this goes through, then John J. McCook will accept the position which he formerly refused, that of Secretary of the Interior. It will be remembered that Mr. McCook was offered the Interior portfolio and declined it, preferring to be Attorney General in nothing. The conditions are different now, and he would accept the place which Mr. Bliss would vacate. After Mr. McCook refused the offer before, Whitlaw Reid sought to break into the Cabinet and in order to lead him off Mr. Bliss was hurriedly consulted and he being satisfied by Mr. Platt, was offered and finally accepted the place.

As to the standing of Mr. Platt at the White House there can be no longer any doubt. True, he is being harassed by Whitlaw Reid, and the effort is constantly being made by Mr. Reid to show that Mr. Platt is a Republican outcast in New York, but the animus of the attacks from this quarter are well understood at the White House.

The President yesterday assured Mr. Platt that the choice for surveyor of the port, Mr. Silas Crofts, should be named in a few days, the incumbent having tendered his resignation, to take effect on the 1st of next month. As to the date candidates for district attorney and marshal for the Northern district of New York, it was not agreed finally that they should be appointed at this immediate juncture, owing to the fact that the incumbents have still about eight months to their credit, but Mr. Platt was told that as soon as the President saw his way clear to make the appointments, Gen. Burriett should be made district attorney and Mr. Hendel marshal.

Mr. Platt was in the best of humor when the conference ended, but he evaded direct replies to the many questions that were put to him and hurried to his hotel for luncheon. Last night he attended a private dinner, at which the general situation was again gone over.

LUETGERT MURDER TRIAL.

Testimony of Prof. Dorsey, the Great Osteologist.

Chicago, Sept. 15.—One of the most convincing witnesses the State has produced in the Luetgert murder trial was Prof. George Dorsey, of the Field Columbian Museum, perhaps the greatest expert in anthropology and osteology in the West, if not in the country. Prof. Dorsey identified a fragment of a bony substance as a portion of the left temporal, that part of the skull just back of the ear.

A new bone, a piece about three inches long, was offered in evidence and the witness said it was a portion of the left human femur, the thigh bone. It is the largest bone in the human skeleton.

An closely impressed with the fact that these bones all agree in size, and probably belonged to one individual. The bones, I think, were of woman," said the witness.

Sultan Admires Princess de Chimay.

Paris, Sept. 15.—La Patrie declares that the Sultan of Turkey has invited Princess de Chimay, the American woman who eloped with a Hungarian musician, to appear in his private theater in the Yildiz Kiosk and give the performance which she was forbidden by the French authorities to give in the Folies Bergere here. It is said that the Sultan has conceived a great admiration for her from seeing her photographs.

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THE YELLOW FEVER SPREADING

A Number of New Cases Reported to the Surgeon General.

The most important and the worst news yet received by the Marine Hospital service from the yellow fever district came yesterday in the shape of telegrams from Edwards, Miss., where several cases of the disease have developed from one which is directly traceable to a person who came from Ocean Springs.

These cases make it possible, at least, that the large number of people who have left the Springs in the last month may have sown the germs of the fever broadcast over the South.

The telegrams received from Edwards are as follows: "Edwards, Miss.—Five other cases of yellow fever seen, making a total of eleven. The fever has spread rapidly and four of the cases are very sick. The rapid progress of the disease is remarkable."

"GUTHRIE, Miss.—Mrs. Anderson took sick August 8, the day of her arrival from Ocean Springs. All in the house took sick afterward at different dates. Chapman took sick August 29, two days after visiting the Anderson people. He died September 6. Truett will communicate with his board and wife. Leave for Mobile this evening, stopping at Pelahatchie, Miss., where there are said to be cases. GUTHRIE, Miss.—From Scranton, Miss., Surgeon Murray reports that four new cases have been discovered by Dr. Keil.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Porter at Mobile sends the following telegram: "No new cases. All cases up to last night doing well. Barge case, reported as suspicious, convalescing."

In answer to a request by Dr. J. F. Hunter, of Vicksburg, that Dr. Gutierrez be directed to stop at Pelahatchie on his way to Mobile to examine several suspicious cases there, Surgeon General Wynnam telegraphed last night that Dr. Gutierrez would stop and examine the cases.

Surgeon General Wynnam yesterday ordered that a rigid train inspection be instituted immediately for all trains out of New Orleans and Mobile.

A DUEL TO DEATH.

Fatal Affray Between Two Prominent Citizens of Texas.

Dallas, Texas, Sept. 15.—The little city of Abbott and the surrounding community in Hill county is in a high state of excitement over the double killing of two of the most prominent men of that section in a duel at 1 o'clock this afternoon.

Dr. T. B. Carter, of Kaufman, and Charles P. Russell, of Abbott, both heretofore friends and, in a measure, business associates, met yesterday afternoon to dispose of some business relative to a land transaction. The settlement of the business ended in a quarrel. They agreed, however, to meet at 1 o'clock at the depot at Abbott for a final settlement.

At the appointed hour Dr. Carter arrived at the depot, accompanied by a young lady friend. A few moments later Russell appeared and stepping up to the young lady, asked her to withdraw, while he and Carter had a few moments' conversation with Dr. Carter. Dr. Carter, as she stepped away, was heard to remark: "It will be the sweetest moment of my life to die in defense of my character."

Both men drew pistols. Dr. Carter shot first and Russell fell to his knees, but leveled his gun at Carter and fired three shots, all taking effect. In the meantime Carter kept firing. Both men died within three minutes of each other.

Russell was a widower and leaves six children. Carter's family consisted of a mother and brother. There are intimations that the tragedy was not altogether the result of the land transaction disagreement, but that the young woman's name or character was in some way involved. Nothing positive, however, has developed under this head.

Atlantic City to Congress Heights.

The same cinematograph, or moving picture, which drew such immense crowds to Congress Heights and Glen Echo has just returned from Atlantic City, where the people went wild over it, to Congress Heights. There it will be exhibited free for a week, commencing tonight. Take new Electric Cars at Navy Yard Bridge to Congress Heights.

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COLLISION ON NORTH RIVER

The Steamer Catskill Sunk by the St. Johns.

SCENE OF WILD CONFUSION

Men Fight One Another for Life-Preservers and Knock Down and Trample Over Women in Their Efforts to Get Into the Life Boats.—Only One Fatality.

New York, Sept. 15.—The big sidewheel passenger steamer St. Johns and Catskill collided just before 7 o'clock this evening in the North River, between Fifty-ninth and Sixty-third streets, and within ten minutes the Catskill was at the bottom of the river. There was a hole in her side big enough for a good-sized fire-boat to get into. Her terror-stricken passengers watched her sink from the decks of two railroad tugs that put out a moment after the collision. So far as is known, only one life was lost.

Berlie Timmerman, a six-year-old boy of Brooklyn, was lost in the panic and it is supposed that he was drowned.

Leonard J. Miller, a retired engineer of Holbrook, another passenger (the Catskill is in the hospital with a broken keel. He is the only person known to have been hurt in the collision. The Catskill is one of the boats of the Catskill, Hudson and Connetquot Line. She had sixty-eight passengers all told. Scarcely half the passengers were at the stern of the boat when the collision took place.

The St. Johns struck the Catskill about fifteen feet from the bow on the starboard side, and her heavy steel-shielded bow cut a hole almost half way through the Catskill's hull. Men and women alike screamed in terror, and rushed hither and thither, knocking each other down. As the engines of both boats were going full speed backward when the collision came, it was less than a minute before the St. Johns had backed out of the hole she had made, and the water rushed into the Catskill with frightful rapidity.

The Catskill began to sink immediately. Her officers realized the situation, and the captain and the pilots, assisted from the pilot house to the passenger deck by life preservers, there was a wild scramble for the lifeboats. The life preservers were kept. There was a good many more than enough to go around, yet the passengers fought against themselves over the possession of them.

Meanwhile the crew of the Catskill under the orders of the first mate, had jumped to the lifeboats, of which there were four, and lowered them. Just as the boats struck the water, the water in the Catskill's hold reached the engine room and extinguished the fire.

The boat was lit by electricity and the dynamo stopped. Then came absolute darkness, which served to make the fright among the passengers a great deal worse.

The Catskill's officers ordered the women taken to the boats first, but the moment the boats were in the water the men made a rush for them, and there was a hand-to-hand fight to keep them away. In the struggle men seized the women and threw them aside. The grabbed hold of each other implacably and fought and wrestled. They lost their heads completely, and all the time the shrieking and yelling was kept up.

Finally all the women were got into the boats. Some of the men followed them. There were more than enough boats to take care of all, but everybody seemed to want to get into the same boat and at the same time.

While all this was going on the captain of the tugs at the New York Central grain elevator, who had heard the crash and the screams and the whistling whistles heading out toward the sinking boat. The St. Johns, too, had got under control, and swung around to go to the Catskill's assistance. She did it with a vengeance.

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